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DECLARATION (37 CFR 1.63) FOR UTILITY OR DESIGN APPLICATION USING AN APPLICATION DATA SHEET (37 CFR 1.76)

Title of Invention	METHODS FOR DETERMINING GENETIC RESISTANCE OF PIGS TO DISEASES CAUSED BY RNA VIRUSES
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As the below named inventor(s), I/we declare that:

This declaration is directed to:

- ☐ The attached application, or
- ☒ U.S. Application No. 10/533,277, Int'l Application No. PCT/JP03/13767, Int'l filing date October 28, 2003,
- ☐ as amended on _____ (if applicable);

I/we believe that I/we am/are the original and first inventor(s) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought;

I/we have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified application, including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to above;

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FULL NAME OF INVENTOR(S)

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Signature: T. Mitsuhashi Date: October 17, 2005

Inventor two: _____ Citizen of: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Inventor three: _____ Citizen of: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Inventor four: _____ Citizen of: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

☐ Additional inventors or a legal representative are being named on _____ additional form(s) attached hereto.

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STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 3.73(b)

Applicant/Patent Owner: Tadayoshi MITSUHASHI

Application No./Patent No.: 10/533,277 Int'l Filing Date: October 28, 2003

Entitled: METHODS FOR DETERMINING GENETIC RESISTANCE OF PIGS TO DISEASES CAUSED BY RNA VIRUSES

National Institute of Agrobiological Sciences

(Name of Assignee)

a

corporation

(Type of Assignee, e.g., corporation, partnership, university, government agency, etc.)

states that it is:

1. ☒ the assignee of the entire right, title, and interest; or
2. ☐ an assignee of less than the entire right, title and interest.
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in the patent application/patent identified above by virtue of either:

- A. ☒ An assignment from the inventor(s) of the patent application/patent identified above.
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The undersigned (whose title is supplied below) is authorized to act on behalf of the assignee.

Teruo Ishige
Signature

October 17, 2005
Date

Teruo Ishige
Typed or printed name

President
Title

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	Int'l Filing Date	October 28, 2003
	First Named Inventor	Tadayoshi MITSUHASHI
	Title	METHODS FOR DETERMINING GENETIC RESISTANCE OF PIGS TO DISEASES CAUSED BY RNA VIRUSES
	Art Unit	
	Examiner Name	
	Attorney Docket Number	690107.404USPC

I hereby revoke all previous powers of attorney given in the above-identified application.

I hereby appoint:

☒ Practitioners at Seed IP Law Group PLLC, Customer Number: **00500**

OR

☐ Practitioner(s) named below:

Name	Registration Number

as my/our attorney(s) or agent(s) to prosecute the application identified above (and any continuation/divisional applications therefrom), and to transact all business in the United States Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith.

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I am the:

☐ Applicant/Inventor.

☒ Assignee of record of the entire interest. See 37 CFR 3.71.
Statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b) is enclosed. (Form PTO/SB/96).

☒ As assignee of record of the entire interest I/we hereby elect, under 37 CFR 3.71, to prosecute the application to the exclusion of the inventor(s). (IMPORTANT: If application is assigned, you must check this box)

SIGNATURE OF Applicant or Assignee of Record

Signature	<i>Teruo Ishige</i>	Date	<i>October 17, 2005</i>
Name	Teruo Ishige		
Title and Company (Assignee)	President National Institute of Agrobiological Sciences		

NOTE: Signatures of all the inventors or assignees of record of the entire interest or their representative(s) are required. Submit multiple forms if more than one signature is required, see below*.

☐ *Total of _____ forms are submitted.

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ASSIGNMENT**

WHEREAS, I, Tadayoshi MITSUHASHI (hereinafter referred to as ASSIGNOR),
having a mailing address of ~~26-405-501, Mutsushiro 4-chome, Tsukuba-shi, Ibaraki 305-0035~~ ^{20-13, Chuou 4-chome, Utsuki-shi, Ibaraki 300-1234} T.M.
Japan, am the sole inventor of an invention entitled "METHODS FOR DETERMINING
GENETIC RESISTANCE OF PIGS TO DISEASES CAUSED BY RNA VIRUSES," as
described and claimed in the specification for which an application for United States letters
patent was filed and assigned Application No. 10/533,277. This application is a national stage
application filed under 35 U.S.C. 371 of International Application No. PCT/JP03/13767,
accorded an International Filing Date of October 28, 2003;

WHEREAS, National Institute of Agrobiological Sciences (hereinafter referred to
as ASSIGNEE), having a usual place of business at 1-2, Kannondai 2-chome, Tsukuba-shi,
Ibaraki 305-8602 Japan, is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to the
invention and in and to any letters patent that may be granted therefor in the United States;

NOW, THEREFORE, in exchange for good and valuable consideration, the
receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, ASSIGNOR hereby sells, assigns and transfers unto
said ASSIGNEE, the entire right, title and interest in and to said invention, said application and
any and all letters patent which may be granted for said invention in the United States of
America and its territorial possessions, and in any and all divisions, reissues and continuations
thereof, said invention, application and all letters patent on said invention to be held and enjoyed
by ASSIGNEE and its successors and assigns for their use and benefit and of its successors and
assigns as fully and entirely as the same would have been held and enjoyed by ASSIGNOR had
this assignment, transfer and sale not been made. ASSIGNOR hereby authorizes and requests
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ASSIGNEE. ASSIGNOR agrees to execute all instruments and documents required for the
making and prosecution of applications for United States letters patent on said invention, for
litigation regarding said letters patent, or for the purpose of protecting title to said invention or
letters patent therefor.

October 17, 2005
Date

T. Mitsuhashi
Tadayoshi MITSUHASHI

I certify that I know or have satisfactory evidence that Tadayoshi MITSUHASHI signed this instrument of his/her own free will, as a voluntary act for the uses and purposes mentioned in the instrument.

Date October 17, 2005
(Type or Print)

Signed at Ibaraki, Japan

Isashi Suzuki
(Type or Print Name of Witness)

Isashi Suzuki
(Signature of Witness)